

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

April 9, 2012

Chairman Hansch called the meeting to order on the above mentioned date at 8:00 pm, at the Fire Commissioner's office at 434 Route 10, Whippany, NJ.

Commissioners present: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane, & Hansch

Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Cortright, Township Committee Liaison George Coppola

At this time the Chairman read the following: Pursuant to statutes made and provided, let the minutes show that notice of this meeting was transmitted to the following newspapers: The Regional weekly and the Daily Record and filed with the clerk of the Township of Hanover and the Clerk of this Board.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The chairman called for the acceptance of the pre-meeting minutes and the regular minutes from last month. Comm. Cobane made a motion to accept last month's minutes. The move was seconded by Comm. J. Mihalkoz and it was carried by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane, Hansch

NAYS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's report was submitted. Comm. Cobane moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Comm. Barz seconded the move and it was carried by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane, Hansch

NAYS: None

General Checking Account #7859643244

TD Bank

Balance On Hand - February 29, 2012	\$4,665.07
March Checks	(\$62,749.64)

Deposits for the Month of March 2012

Registration Fees	Reg Fees	\$5,650.00
Township of Hanover	False Alarms	\$150.00
JP Morgan	Permits & Fees	\$42.00
PNC Bank - (for car accident New years)	Other Income	\$1,212.00
State of NJ	Pension rebate	\$88.75
Township of Hanover	District taxes	\$219,775.00
Township of Hanover (JCC donation)	Other Income	\$5,000.00
From Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney	Transfer	\$20,000.00

Balance on Hand, March 31, 2012 **\$193,833.18**

TD Bank Money Market

Balance on Hand March 31, 2012

\$2,829.13

Payroll Checking Account # 7859643251

TD Bank

Balance on Hand March 31, 2012

\$747.90

Active Assets Account #615 108684 107

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney

Balance on Hand March 31, 2012

\$685,685.15

Checks Submitted This Month's Meeting

\$139,187.33

CHIEF'S / FIRE OFFICIAL REPORT

Supplies, Equipment, and Maintenance

- Fire Fighters repaired one SCBA pack.
- Office supplies were purchased from Staples.
- Fire Fighters flow tested all SCBA packs for the year.

Apparatus

- Unit 86 had the water pump, hoses, belt, and thermostat replaced.
- I met with Brian Foran Superintendent from Public Works to discuss the possibility of the town mechanics working on the apparatus. He was going to speak with Joe Giorgio to find out if the town would be interested in doing this for both fire districts. He envisioned the town charging the mechanics hourly rate and then the cost of parts.

Training

- Training for the month of April will be extrication. There will be a practical drill on the 17th and a classroom drill on the 24th.
- Training topics for the month of March were:
 - Pump Ops refresher
 - Rolling Responses
 - Walk through at the Care One facility.

Purchases

- No purchase requests for this month.
- The computers that were requested last month are in and running.
- I ordered the 8 SCBA bottles that were approved they have not been received yet.

Fire Prevention

- (52) inspections / re-inspections were conducted last month and \$42.00 dollars in permits were collected.

EMS

- (35) calls were answered last month and we transported 4 times.

Fire

- (36) calls and drills were answered last month.

Other Matters and Announcements

- We have received the reimbursement check from Progressive Insurance. This is from the New Year's Day accident that occurred in front of the firehouse.
- We received \$4,075.12 reimbursement for overtime and equipment from FEMA that will offset monies paid out during Hurricane Irene. See attached letter from Hanover Township OEM.

- I don't know when the replacement of the Whippany Road bridge will be starting obviously they are already behind schedule.
- I attended a meeting regarding the resurfacing of Rt. 287 from James Street in Morristown to the Littleton Road overpass in Parsippany and also bridge decking replacement. The DOT plans to start this project in the fall of 2012 and the project should be complete in May 2015. Some of this work will be done at night and some on and off ramps will be shut down during the construction.
- The DOT also will be resurfacing Route 10 from Livingston to Route 287 this summer.
- I met with the engineer from Bayer and went over the water system/fire loop and hydrant placement for the project.
- FF Makowski conducted a CPR class for the dispatchers and some officers of the police department.
- FF Perrello assisted FF Digiorgio from Cedar Knolls with fire extinguisher for all Public Works employees.
- FF Bell participated in Career Day at Memorial Junior School.
- FF Makowski has been subpoenaed to appear in court on April 30, 2012 to give testimony from a medical call.
- FF Bell has started the Arson Investigation class that we signed him up for.
- I have started the Dale Carnegie class.
- Over the past few months we have completed our yearly Fit Testing. We tested 42 members using the town's machine and we saved over \$1,000.00.
- I delivered all of the necessary material to Vince so he can complete the yearly audit.
- Bob Flannigan has been named Chief of the Morristown Fire Department.
- FF Perrello attended classes and passed the states Fire Service Instructors Exam at the Denville fire house. He will now be a Certified Level 1 Fire Instructor.

A motion was made to accept the above Chief's Report. This motion was made by Comm. J. Mihalko and was seconded by Comm. M. Mihalko. It was carried by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane, Hansch

NAYS: None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from the town inviting everyone to their Township Committee meeting on 4-12-12. The guys involved in the hurricane rescue will be honored at that meeting.
- Cedar Knolls pancake breakfast is on 4-15-12.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Nothing at this time.

Building: Nothing at this time.

Apparatus: Nothing at this time.

Insurance: Nothing at this time.

Dinner: Nothing at this time.

First Aid: It was reported that EMS responded to 35 calls this month, and 4 transportations.

LIASIONS:

Cedar Knolls: Ron reported: There is a joint meeting on May 1st at 7:30 at Memorial Junior School to discuss the merging of the two districts and Mr. Kramer's report. Mr. Kramer will be there to answer questions.

Town: George announced that the school board election is on 4-17. Little League Opening Day is on 4-21.

Kramer report – A number of people have read it off of the internet. They will put the meeting details on the website also.

They're clearing trees on Hanover Ave to make the site more attractive and promote that piece of property, making it more presentable to those who may be interested in it.

Whippany Bridge – Nothing yet. He has left messages for the County Engineer.

Thursday at 8:30 – I'm looking forward to the dinner at the Birchwood. It is great to honor the guys and he thanked them for their service.

Henry Hansch – asked about rumors about a Wegman's, Loews, and a supermarket. IS anything going in?

George – All just speculation for now. We are struggling but can see a glimmer of light with Bayer and now, maybe Honeywell. Ron is doing a great job – promoting the township to companies.

FIRE COMPANY AND RELOCATION PART OF THE MEETING: Fred reported that things are status quo.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Congratulations to Paul for passing the Fire Instructor class and coming in second in his class.

Public joint meeting to discuss merging is on May 1st at 7:30. It's on the company website.

A motion to approve the Chief's contract, with the changes made – to be in effect as of January 1st, 2012 was made by Comm. Mike Mihalko. It was seconded by Comm. Julie Mihalko and passed by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane, Hansch

NAYS: None

Congratulations were extended on behalf of the Board to the Valor Award winners and a photo was taken.

PUBLIC PART OF THE MEETING

No comments were made.

There were 9 members of the public present.

BILLS

Comm. J. Mihalko moved that the following bills be paid. The move was seconded by Comm. Barz and was carried by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Cobane, Hansch

NAYS: None

03/01/2012	5413	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-456.34
03/01/2012	5414	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Packs	-82.50
03/01/2012	5416	ACE Com	Repairs & Maintenance	-102.50
03/01/2012	5415	Florham Park Hardware	Operating Materials & Supplies	-90.96
03/01/2012	eft	PERS	Pension Expense	-1,614.67
03/01/2012	eft	PFRS	Pension Expense	-6,161.00
03/01/2012	5448	Hanover Sewerage Authority	Utilities	-94.00
03/05/2012	5417	J C P & L	Utilities	-778.76
03/08/2012	5418	Do-It-Yourself, Inc.	Operating Materials & Supplies	-56.00
03/08/2012	5419	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-132.91

03/08/2012	5420	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-7.50
03/08/2012	5421	PSE&G	Utilities	-446.00
03/08/2012	5422	J C P & L	Utilities	-91.99
03/08/2012	5423	First Priority Emergency Vehicles	Repairs & Maintenance	-1,619.76
03/08/2012	5424	Nielsen	Car 201	-185.61
03/08/2012	5425	Parker Publications	Advertising	-72.08
03/08/2012	5426	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-440.78
03/08/2012	5427	DC Express	Elections	-95.00
03/15/2012	5428	PSE&G	Utilities	-129.98
03/15/2012	5429	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-191.02
03/15/2012	5430	CF Services	Engine 81	-361.22
03/15/2012	5431	First Priority Emergency Vehicles	Repairs & Maintenance	-827.26
03/15/2012	5432	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	Repairs & Maintenance Uniforms and Personal Equipment	-551.27
03/15/2012	5433	Firefighter One, LLC	Equipment	-371.10
03/15/2012	5434	Lago & O'Toole	Legal	-350.00
03/15/2012	EFT	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	-14,478.64
03/19/2012	5435	Spill 911	Haz-Mat	-326.92
03/19/2012	5436	SMCMUA	Utilities	-68.44
03/19/2012	5437	Standard Insurance Co	Life Insurance	-1,661.00
03/19/2012	5438	Shell Fleet	Fuel Vouchers	-1,037.00
03/21/2012	5439	Township of Hanover	Gasoline	-499.66
03/21/2012	5441	Lifesavers, Inc.	Medical Supplies	-71.00
03/23/2012	5442	Cablevision	Utilities	-237.82
03/23/2012	5443	Hanover Township Fire Prevention	Joint Purchase Agreements	-10,000.00
03/23/2012	5444	Brunners Garage	#86	-795.53
03/23/2012	5445	G. Mitchell Hartman and Assoc., Inc.	Training and Education	-1,500.00
03/26/2012	5446	Township of Hanover	Diesel	-285.13
03/26/2012	5447	US Bank Equipment Finance	Copy Machine lease	-255.00
03/28/2012	5450	MICROMAX COMPUTERS	Computers	-1,470.00
03/28/2012	5449	Nielsen	Repairs & Maintenance	-21.76
03/30/2012	eft	Board of Fire Commissioners	Employee Payroll	-14,731.53
04/02/2012	5451	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	-456.34
04/02/2012	5452	State of New Jersey - Division of Pension	Pension Expense	-33.09
04/02/2012	5453	Office Scapes	Operating Materials & Supplies	-68.00
04/02/2012	5454	Gen-el Safety & Industrial Products	Haz-Mat	-2,803.45
04/02/2012	5455	American Trade Mark	Operating Materials & Supplies	-125.00
04/02/2012	5456	Whippany Fire Company	Rentals / Training	-5,800.00
04/02/2012		PFRS	Pension Expense	-53,427.00
04/02/2012		State of New Jersey - Division of Pension	Medical Benefits	-7,140.61
04/05/2012	5457	Toshiba Business Solutions	Office Supplies	-199.17
04/05/2012	5458	Whippany Rotary Club	Membership Dues & Subscriptions	-252.00
04/05/2012	5459	NJIAAI	Training and Education	-450.00
04/05/2012	5461	J C P & L	Utilities	-563.42
04/05/2012	5462	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	-440.78
04/05/2012	5463	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	Office Supplies	-470.76
04/05/2012	5464	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc.	SCBA	-2,663.38
04/05/2012	5465	Batteries Plus	Batteries	-44.91
04/09/2012	5466	Morristown Memorial	Medical	-471.00
04/09/2012	5467	POSTMASTER	Office Supplies	-90.00

04/09/2012	5468	Finish Line Car Wash	Car Washes	-52.00
04/09/2012	5469	PSE&G	Utilities	-446.00
04/09/2012	5470	Police & Firemen's Insurance Association	Police & Fire Insurance	<u>-440.78</u>
				-
				139,187.33

8:10 - At this time the Board went into an Executive Closed Session.

8:50 – the Board came out of Closed Session.

Comm. J. Mihalko made a motion to adjourn this meeting. It was seconded by Comm. Barz and passed by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Barz, J. Mihalko, Hansch & Cobane

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52

Respectfully submitted: Janet Gant-Hammond, Board Assistant